

Joseph William Witt Barn

This barn is made of red pine, and originally was located in central Heber City. In about 1930, the original owner decided to sell half of it. So, it was cut in two parts. One half was purchased by Joseph William Witt and moved on log skids about a mile south, with several teams of horses, to a spot at 1245 S Main Street, back in the lot, about where Arby's Resturant now stands.

It has served many purposes since those days. The main part, especially the loft, was used for hay storage. A pulley track was installed inside the peak of the roof. A pulley was attached on a roller inside the track. By a series of ropes and more pulleys, a horse with harness and single-tree, was chained to one rope which pulled a hay fork or net full of hay, from the hay wagon to the pitch of the roof, which then ran along the track and the hay could then be dropped anywhere along the track into the loft of the barn.

Of course, the children would be glad to tromp, so they could smell the new-mown hay and swing from a 40' rope hanging on end of the roof. What a swing that would be!!! Another use the barn had, was when tired hitch-hikers along Hi Way 40, would find rest and refuge in the shelter of the barn and on the soft hay for a mattress.

The lower section of the barn, had a tack room, granary, milking shed with mangers and stalls for cows, and stanchions for horses.

Sequential owners have been: Joseph William Witt, Ruth Grimshaw Witt, the family and Arby's. It was demolished in 1996, as buisness encroached.

Researcher & Informants: LaVon Witt Provost.

4-1-98 rrg